



— State of —
North Dakota
Office of the Governor
John Hoeven
Governor

PROCLAMATION
QUARTER DAY IN THE CLASSROOM
AUGUST 30, 2006

WHEREAS, launched in 1999, the United States Mint 50 State Quarters® Program is a 10-year coin initiative commemorating each of the nation's states in the order that they were admitted into the Union; and

WHEREAS, as the 39th state to enter the Union on November 2, 1889, North Dakota is the 39th quarter introduced as part of the United States Mint 50 State Quarters® Program; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota's quarter design selection process was launched on April 14, 2004, with the establishment of a commission comprised of nine members from across North Dakota representing a variety of backgrounds and expertise; and

WHEREAS, citizens of all ages were invited to submit narratives of possible design concepts for North Dakota's quarter, and after reviewing thousands of suggestions, the commission recommended three for design development: agriculture, landscape and Badlands; and

WHEREAS, on June 3, 2005, Governor John Hoeven recommended the "Badlands with Bison" design, depicting a pair of grazing American bison in the foreground with a sunset view of the rugged buttes and canyons that help define the state's Badlands region in the background.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim August 30, 2006, **QUARTER DAY IN THE CLASSROOM** in the state of North Dakota.

/s/
John Hoeven
Governor

Attest:

/s/
Alvin A. Jaeger
Secretary of State